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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1619

SERIAL NO.: 09/784,179

: EXAMINER: M. Willis

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FOR: COMPOSITION BASED ON  
N-CHOLESTERYLOXYCARBONYL-  
4-PARA-AMINOPHENOL AND  
HYDROQUINONE OR ONE OF ITS DERIVATIVES

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 2, delete line 2.

Page 3, delete the paragraph of lines 18-22 in favor of the following new paragraph:

~~Various depigmenting agents have thus been proposed. In particular, it has been~~  
demonstrated that certain aminophenol derivatives have the property of inhibiting  
melanogenesis even in low concentrations, without demonstrating cytotoxicity. These  
compounds, which are described in International PCT Patent Application No. WO 99/10318,

(U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/284,490 filed June 21, 1999), comprise in particular